

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

The Abstract is objected to as it should not compare the invention to the prior art or include extensive mechanical or design details of the apparatus. The Examiner recommends omitting the first two sentences of the current Abstract and moving the information therein to the Specification. The applicants have amended their abstract to remove the first two sentences originally provided and now believe they have met the Examiner's requirement. Thus, the applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw his objection on pages 2-3 of the Office Action.

CHANGES TO ABSTRACT – (deleted language is shown with strike-through markings)

The tri valve backflow preventer is used with a temporary conventional backflow assembly between existing water main pipe and new and upgraded sections of water main pipe while they are under construction. It is left in place when the temporary backflow assembly is removed. Its use saves extra inspection hours, extra man hours, extra equipment hours, conserves large amounts of good water otherwise needed for flushing, and reduces the safety risk to the public during activation of new water lines.